



### 2016 - 2017 Cup Races

*Jack Self*

We are three months into the new cup race year and already the competition is off to a furious start with one of our members taking a commanding lead over the rest of the field.

For those of you new to the cup races, here is a synopsis of what it is all about. All Club members are divided into four groups based on their total masterpoint holding as of June 1, 2016. The Sol Lourie Open division includes all members of the club, the Henry Mills Under 2000 includes only those members whose masterpoint holding is below 2000, the Coleman-Farrell division includes just those who are non-Life Masters, and the Centurion division is limited to those who started June 1 with under 100 Masterpoints.

From June 1 of this year until May 31 of next year, a record is kept of how many masterpoints you win at our club and at the end of each year, the person who has the most masterpoints in each division wins the Cup Race (only those masterpoints won at our club count for the race winners). Also note that whichever division you belong to automatically places you in the categories above that division. So, anyone with 59 masterpoints on June 1 belongs to all four categories; anyone with 195 masterpoints belongs to the Coleman-Farrell, Henry Mills, and Sol Lourie categories. So it is possible to be first in all four categories!!

**IMPORTANT:** You were placed in whichever category you appeared to be according to club records. The list of paid up club members and their categories are on the bulletin board. Please check your status and let us know if you are in the wrong division.

Okay, on to the standings so far. In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, Mohan Bali has jumped way out front to take a commanding lead with 105 masterpoints, ahead of second place Bob Webb by almost 25 points. Pat Webb is trailing husband Bob by a mere 0.13 points with Hap Neuffer and Jay Shahani claiming the 4th and 5th slots. Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Joyce Lauterbach, Al Kirkland, and Ken Fasching round out the top ten.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category, Al Kirkland leads second place Scott McPherson by almost 9 masterpoints with Carolyn Cromer trailing Scott by only 1.19 points. Jack Wilkinson and Bill Charwood hold the next two slots while Greg Garrison, Frances Lawton, Francis Robinson, Helen Young, and Bernetha Henry fall in line to complete the top ten in that category.

In the **Coleman Farrell Non-Life Master** category, Helen Young has a 4.99 point lead over second place Kenyon Stevenson with last year's Centurion winner Janet Sheridan in third place followed by Mary Frame and Brenda Isbell. Kathy Kimmerling, Karen Faulkenberry, Hillary McDonald, Dot Jones, and Myra Jaymes round out the top ten.

The **Centurion under 100** category has been the one of the most tightly contested races in the past few years. This year's race looks to be no different. Myra James is in first place but leads Edison Fairey by only 0.51 points. Olivia Smith is in third place followed by Doug Rice and Judy Sternberg. Charles Williams, Ginny Carrier, Jerry Isbell, Ellen Kuperman, and Glen Mitchell complete the top ten list for this category.

The year is barely started so no one's lead is safe and there is plenty of time for any member of the club to break out and contest for the trophy. The month of September is International Fund month with lots of extra points available, so grab your favorite partner and claim a spot at the table and maybe next month your name will be in the top ten lists.

See you there.

SEPTEMBER 2016		Sol Lourie (Open)		Henry Mills (Under 2000)		Coleman-Farrell (Non-LM)		Centurion (Under 100)	
Mohan Bali	105.45	Al	Kirkland	45.81	Helen Young	26.38	Myra Jaymes	15.10	
Bob Webb	80.89	Scott McPherson	37.96	Kenyon Stevenson	21.39	Edison Fairey	14.59		
Pat Webb	80.76	Carolyn Cromer	36.77	Janet Sheridan	21.17	Olivia Smith	11.17		
Hap Neuffer	76.01	Jack Wilkinson	35.64	Mary Frame	19.83	Doug Rice	8.86		
Jay Shahani	74.37	Bill Charwood	32.78	Brenda Isbell	19.08	Judy Sternberg	7.47		
Alice Moore	63.28	Greg Garrison	28.64	Kathy Kimmerling	18.45	Charles Williams	7.25		
Harold Moore	56.11	Frances Lawton	28.32	Karen Faulkenberry	18.40	Ginny Carrier	6.45		
Joyce Lauterbach	52.18	Francis Robinson	27.44	Hillary McDonald	16.47	Jerry Isbell	6.21		
Al Kirkland	45.81	Helen Young	26.38	Dot Jones	16.29	Ellen Kuperman	5.77		
Ken Fasching	45.09	Bernetha Henry	25.09	Myra Jaymes	15.10	Glen Mitchell	5.43		

### Palmetto Summer Sectional

The Columbia Summer Sectional was held at TriCity Leisure Center August 12-14, 2016 and was a big success. Total attendance was 187 tables with 888.12 total master points won by 207 players.

Columbia highlights include:

The CBC hosted a reception for Hap Neuffer to celebrate his achievement of Grand Life Master.

Four CBC members won masterpoints in the double digits: Jay Shahani 19.56, Happoldt Neuffer 13.66, Al Kirkland 11.99, William Charwood 11.67

Melinda Young & Roberta Case won 1st in D in the Fri Morning Open Pairs  
Karen Hansel & Shelby King won 1st in C in the Fri Morning 299 Pairs  
Janet Sheridan & Mary Frame tied for 1st in E in the Fri Morning 299 Pairs

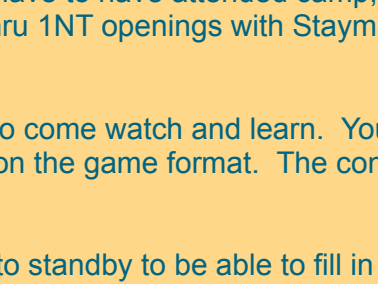
Jack Self & Scott Dunn won 1st in B in the Fri Afternoon Open Pairs  
Lauren Alexander & Frances Potter won 1st in C in the Fri Afternoon Open Pairs  
Mary Ann Madden & Burton Case won 1st in D & E in the Fri Afternoon 299 Pairs

Scott McPherson & Richard Silvernail won 1st in B in the Sat Morning Open Pairs  
Anne Fowler & Susan Des Portes won 1st in F in the Sat Morning 299 Pairs

Craig Lemrow & Kathryn Kimmerling won 1st in C in the Sat Afternoon Open Pairs  
Jerry Isbell & Brenda Isbell won 1st in D & E in the Sat Afternoon 299 Pairs

Lauren Alexander & Jay Jacobs with their team won 1st in B & C in the Sun Stratified Swiss Teams  
Pamela Brackett & Ida Fogle with their team won the Sun 299er Swiss Teams

### Youth Bridge Game at the CBC



The youth game will start Saturday, October 8th and run thru the school year.

There will be one game each month, from 9:30 AM till noon, on the morning of the Birthday Party Game. The game is limited to players 18 years old and under or still in high school. There will be a short lesson and the game will follow. If we have at least two and a half tables, the youth players can earn masterpoints in this special Newcomer game.

*There is no charge for the participants for this game.*

The youth participants do not have to have attended camp, but it would be most helpful, if they understand the game thru 1NT openings with Stayman and Jacoby Transfer responses.

Anyone under 18 is welcome to come watch and learn. Youth players may play with their own adult partner, depending on the game format. The conventions will be limited to those on the yellow card.

We are looking for volunteers to standby to be able to fill in as a partner if needed. Unfortunately, the adult volunteers cannot earn masterpoints. If you can help, please contact one of the chairs.

The tentative schedule is:

October 8 November 12 December 10

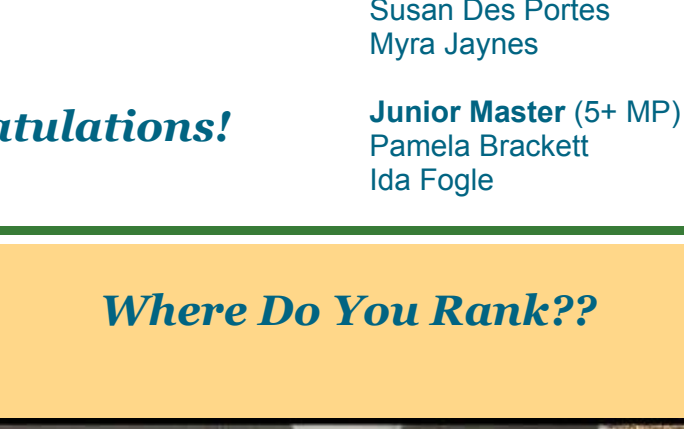
*Roberta Case and Kathy Kimmerling - Co Chairs*

### Fall Bridge Classes to Begin in Next Week!

Fall classes begin Monday, September 19 - All classes begin at 9:30 am and end at noon. Please contact the instructor if you want to enroll.

**The Importance of Sacrifice Bids** (George Nichols) Monday Mornings - 4 weeks  
**Doubles and Redoubles** (Mary Townhill) Tuesday Mornings - 5 weeks  
**Polishing Your Basics** (Mary Townhill) Friday Mornings- 7 weeks

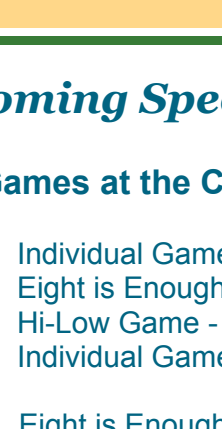
**Play of the Hand** (Mary Townhill) Saturday Mornings - 5 weeks (*This course follows the Beginner course taught last spring.*)



The Club Manager is starting a new Lost and Found policy.

Beginning in October, an email will be sent to all CBC members at the first of the month containing an itemized list of what is in the LOST and FOUND box. If those items are still there when the next list is made, they will be considered abandoned and donated to charity or thrown away.

### Masterpoint Milestones



#### Congratulations!

**Sapphire Life Master** (3500+ MP)  
Francine Moring

**Silver Life Master** (1000+ MP)  
Scott McPherson

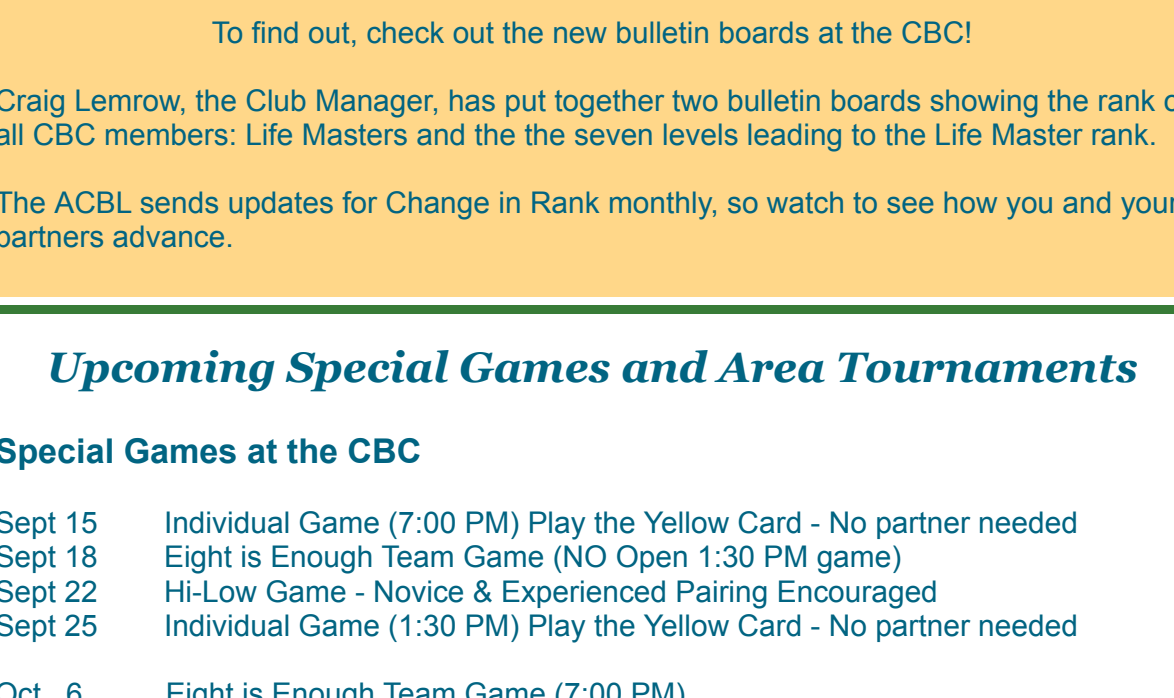
**NABC Master** (200+ MP)  
Janet Sheridan

**Sectional Master** (50+ MP)  
Judy Sternberg

**Club Master** (20+ MP)  
Susan Des Portes  
Myra Jaymes

**Junior Master** (5+ MP)  
Pamela Brackett  
Ida Fogle

### Where Do You Rank??



To find out, check out the new bulletin boards at the CBC!

Craig Lemrow, the Club Manager, has put together two bulletin boards showing the rank of all CBC members: Life Masters and the the seven levels leading to the Life Master rank.

The ACBL sends updates for Change in Rank monthly, so watch to see how you and your partners advance.

### Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

#### Special Games at the CBC

Sept 15 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed  
Sept 18 Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game)  
Sept 22 Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged  
Sept 25 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

Oct 6 Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)  
Oct 8 Youth Bridge Game (9:30 AM)  
Oct 8 Birthday Party (12:30 PM)  
Oct 9 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed  
Oct 11 Open Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1000 game  
Oct 13 Mentor Mentee Game (12:30 PM) NO OPEN game  
Oct 13 Jane Johnson Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM) - GOLD POINTS !  
Oct 14 Instant Matchpoint Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-299 game - GOLD POINTS !  
Oct 13 Jane Johnson Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM) - GOLD POINTS !  
Oct 20 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed  
Oct 23 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

#### Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

September 16 - 18 [Bluffton Sectional Tournament](#)  
September 30 - Oct 2 [Morganton Sectional Tournament](#)  
October 7 - 9 [Charleston Sectional Tournament](#)  
October 7 - 9 [Asheville Sectional Tournament](#)  
October 14 - 16 [Aiken Sectional Tournament](#)  
October 24 - 30 [Charlotte Regional Tournament](#)

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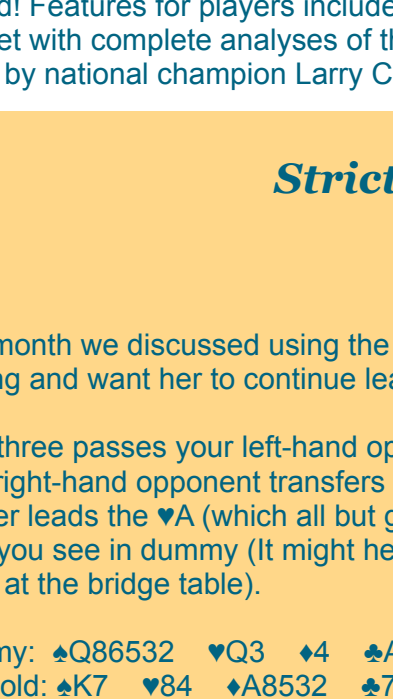
### Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games Coming in October

Jane Johnson was the beloved manager of the ACBL's Club and Membership Department for many years. After she died in 2000, the ACBL honored her by establishing the Jane Johnson Award, to be given annually to the ACBL employee who provided the best customer service. It was decided that the award would be dual – one for a staff member at Headquarters and one for a tournament director.

In addition, Club Appreciation games were initiated to reward those who really make the ACBL successful - its clubs.

Masterpoints awarded:  
Pairs Games - 81.8% sectional rated black points  
Team Games - 5% gold to maximum of 0.25 per player; remaining black at 81.8% sectional rating.

Check the calendar for the JJ pairs games and the JJ Gold Dust team games.



Hand records and analyses provided

See your score instantly after each deal played! Features for players include a booklet with complete analyses of the deals by national champion Larry Cohen.

#### Coming.....October 14

Get with your favorite partner for this special ACBL game!

One gold point will be awarded for section winners in each direction. The remaining awards will be 1/2 red and 1/2 black sectional-rated.

This game is similar to a STaC game, were the results are sent on to be compared to other players for this session. Additional awards are available in the Overall and District Levels.

Game starts at 12:30 PM; there is NO 0-299 game on this day.

### Strictly For Beginners

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Last month we discussed using the high-low signal to tell partner you like what she is leading and want her to continue leading the suit. Here is an example.

After three passes your left-hand opponent opens 1NT and your partner opens 4. Your right-hand opponent transfers opener to spades and then bid 4 Spades. Your partner leads the ♠A (which all but guarantees that she also holds the ♥K) and this is what you see in dummy (It might help you to actually lay out these cards like you are really at the bridge table).

Dummy: ♠Q86532 ♥Q3 ♦4 ♣AQJ5  
You hold: ♠K7 ♥84 ♦A8532 ♣7542

Now think a moment. What do you want partner to do? Do you want her to continue leading hearts? The answer is YES. ABSOLUTELY! You want her to lead her ♥K and then another heart so you can over ruff dummy and then cash your ♦A for down one. Think a moment what happens if your partner does not continue hearts. She might switch to a club, thinking you have the ♠K. Declarer will now win the club, finesse you out of your ♠K, and all you will get is your ♠A and one more heart.

So you play your ♥8 on the first trick and the ♥4 of hearts when your partner plays the ♥K and when she continues hearts, you over ruff dummy.

The corollary to the high-low signal is the low-high signal. That signal informs partner that you have no interest in her continuing the suit. It DOES NOT mean that partner cannot continue the suit if she wants to, but it is your warning that if she does, she is ignoring your opinion. Here is an example:

Your left hand opponent opens 1NT and his partner bids Stayman and they wind up in 4 Hearts.

Partner leads the ♠A (again, almost surely promising the ♠K) and dummy comes down and this is what you see.

Dummy: ♠872 ♥Q963 ♦K2 ♣AKT5  
You hold: ♠863 ♥873 ♦AQ532 ♠64

Do you want partner to continue spades? NO! DEFINITELY NOT! If she continues spades, she is going to set up declarer's ♠Q and ♠J and enable him to pitch a losing diamond on one of them after he draws trump (In both of these hands, you know declarer has all the missing points in the deck since you can count the 7 HCP your partner has with her Ace and King and the ones in your hand and dummy. That makes 25 HCP. Declarer has to have the rest to open 1NT). You tell partner you do not want her to continue spades by playing your lowest spade, the ♠3. Partner takes a careful look at the dummy and switches to a diamond allowing you to trap dummy's ♠K and take two diamond tricks. Then you switch back to spades and let partner take the setting trick. By the way, how do you know that partner actually has the King of the suit she led at trick one? Because you have a good partner who knows that leading Aces against suit contracts is a bad idea unless she also has the King (especially against an opponent who opened 1NT).

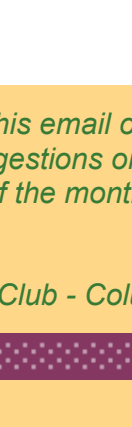
Okay, now one last thing before we go. Suppose you want partner to continue the suit and take her King but then you want her to switch after that. How do you let her know that with your signals? We will discuss the "come on and stop" signal in next month's column so you can convey that message when you want to.

Meanwhile, if you defeat a contract because you used the high-low signal or the low-high signal to guide your partner, let me know so I can congratulate you (even if you do it against me!).

### FALL CHARITIES at the CBC

October - Breast Cancer Awareness

December - HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention



Watch for ways to support these causes at the Club over the next couple of months.

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